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1. The Social Affairs Department of the Chinese Communist Party held its second conference in Peiping on 7 May. It was attended by all responsible Department officials for the regional bureaus and public security officials from the major regions and from the field armies. The director, LI K'o-nung, presided; he reviewed accomplishments for the last six months. He said that in general the missions outlined in the first conference held October 1950 had been generally accomplished; that the entry of the Chinese in the Korean war had caused fundamental changes in the domestic situation.
2. LI reported that his Department, acting on instructions, about six months ago issued the emergency order to end the lenient treatment of and to suppress counter-revolutionaries. He reported this as done, that CHIANG Kai-shek's and American underground activities had been wiped out, that the Chinese people have been alerted to the dangers from the counter-revolutionaries and that the "people's voluntary temper" had been refreshed.
3. At the conference, after reports from various areas, the future program was outlined. The present program to suppress counter-revolutionaries was to be continued, but previous instructions were to be amended, as follows, to meet the present situation:
 - a. Except those whose present offences demand heavy punishment, those against whom there may be evidence warranting arrest should not now be arrested.
 - b. Those already under arrest for offenses warranting execution are not to be executed necessarily; the death sentence may be commuted to two years of hard labor and reindoctrination.
 - c. All executions must now be approved by provincial or higher authorities, or by authorities of cities directly subordinate to the major administrative regions.
 - d. Pending cases of those imprisoned should be resolved immediately.*

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4. At the conference it was decided to organize guards for all state reconstruction projects, to strengthen measures to safeguard classified information, to intensify border controls, to increase surveillance over and further control the thinking of military personnel, and to train and indoctrinate more public security workers.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. These amendments to the program of the purge are a clear indication that the top Communist authorities believe that strong high-level measures were necessary to prevent the blood bath from getting entirely out of control and that the purge has probably already served its purpose.

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